



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE AND THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF
EXPENDITURE FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992 AND 1996
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO FUND ITS BEACH RESTROOMS
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
(FOURTH DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,686,400 in unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, originally allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for specific projects, to fund its proposed Beach Restrooms Refurbishment Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Beach Restrooms Refurbishment Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality as the proposed Project provides for repair of the existing beach restroom structures with no expansion of use, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the proposed Project.
2. Approve a revised plan of expenditure for the Department of Beaches and Harbors to fund its Beach Restrooms Refurbishment Project by reallocating an amount not-to-exceed \$1,851,425 in Specified Funds, originally allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors in Section(8), Subsection(a), Paragraph(5) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992.

3. Approve an alternative plan of expenditure for the Department of Beaches and Harbors to fund its Beach Restrooms Refurbishments Project by reallocating an amount not-to-exceed \$834,975 in Specified Funds, originally allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors in Section(3), Subsection(b), Paragraph(1) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in a not to exceed amount of \$2,686,400 to the Department of Beaches and Harbors when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Assessment Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not-to-exceed \$1,851,425 in Specified Funds which was originally allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors in Section (8), Subsection(a), Paragraph(5) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition), and reallocate an amount not-to-exceed \$834,975 in Specified Funds originally allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors in Section(3), Subsection(b), Paragraph(1) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for the proposed Beach Restroom Refurbishments Project (Project).

The proposed Project consists of refurbishment of five beach restrooms: two in Manhattan Beach (El Porto and 8th Street), two in Redondo Beach (Avenues I and G), and one at Royal Palms Beach. The total Project cost will be funded by the recommended not-to-exceed amount of \$2,686,400 in Specified Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award grants to the Department of Beaches and Harbors when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1992 Proposition and 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors by providing improved public beach facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$2,686,400 is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition and 1996 Proposition set forth deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the proposition, and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

Specified Funds - 1992 Proposition

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition.

Specified Funds - 1996 Proposition

Under the provisions of Section(5), Subsection(e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted specified project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the Project. The County is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA, according to Section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project provides for repair of the existing beach restroom structures with no expansion of use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through RPOSD, but are required so that the Department of Beaches and Harbors may utilize the unspent grant funds on the proposed Project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RUSS GUINEY
Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Chief Executive Office